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## District Man Pleads Guilty To Second Degree Murder in Park Morton, NW

WASHINGTON - A 26-year-old District of Columbia man, Sedrick Johnson, has pled guilty to second degree murder in the March 23, 2008 fatal shooting of Antonio Ingraham following an argument, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today.

Johnson entered his guilty on Friday, April 3, 2009, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Geoffrey M. Alprin. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2009.

According to the government's evidence, on Sunday, March 23, 2008, at approximately 10:36 p.m., Sedrick Johnson, who is also known as "Spanky," and Antonio Ingraham, who was also known as "Hump," were arguing in the 600 block of Morton Street, NW, in Washington, D.C. After arguing for several minutes, Johnson pulled out a semi-automatic pistol and shot Mr. Ingraham in the face, head, wrist, and forearm. One of the bullets entered the left side of Mr. Ingraham's face, traveled through his brain and fractured two of the vertebrae in his spine as it exited his body. Mr. Ingraham died on the scene moments later. The Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia performed an autopsy on Mr. Ingraham's remains and determined that the cause of death was gunshot wounds to the head and upper extremities, and the manner of death was homicide.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Taylor praised the work of all of the Metropolitan Police Department Officers who investigated this case. He specifically praised the work of Detectives Jacqueline Middleton, Jed Worrell, Tony Patterson, Kim Lawrence, Alfred Thomas Braxton, Brian Wise, and Robbie Saunders; Officers Gabriel Truby and

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Farid Fawzi, and MPD Crime Scene Technicians Leother Strong, Dwayne Mitchell, Natasha Pettus, Curtis Lancaster, and Carmen Pagan. He also praised the work of paralegal Lynette Briggs and Victim/Witness Advocate Marcia Rinker. Finally, U.S. Attorney Taylor praised the work of Assistant United States Attorney Alessio Evangelista who prosecuted the case.

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